

The Enterprise-Recorder.

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RUN-OVER LOCALS

Ice Cream truck every day at D. G. Smith's.

J. J. Dickinson left Sunday for Fin- haway where he will engage in teaching school for the next several months.

Popular Bob Shackleford was in town Tuesday visiting his friends and customers.

There will be no preaching at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday on account of Dr. Mickel's absence for a meeting in Tallahassee.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup acts gently upon the bowels and thereby drives the cold out of the system and at the same time it relieves inflammation and stops irritation. Children like it. Sold by W. B. Davis.

Miss Pattie Threadgill spent a few hours Monday afternoon in the city. She was en route to Carrabelle where her sister, Miss Daisy, is ill. The Misses Threadgill are well remembered by the people of our town, both of them having been teachers in our Normal School during its first year.

Next Sunday Dr. Ivey, beloved pastor of the Baptist church, will hold the last service in his church prior to his taxation. At the morning service his theme will be "God's care of His people," and in the evening he will use the text "Jesus calling." A cordial and Christian invitation is extended to all who will to worship with the Baptist congregation on that day.

Rev. Lawyer, presiding elder of the Orlando District of the Methodist church, was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Blackburn from Friday to Monday. The reverend gentleman dined at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening, and his two sermons were powerful and uplifting. At the evening service the infant son of Rev. and Mrs. Blackburn received the ordinance of baptism.

There is one preparation known today that will promptly help the stomach. This is Kodal—tonic interests all classes of food, and it does it thoroughly, so that the use of Kodal for a time will without doubt help anyone who has stomach disorders or stomach troubles. Take Kodal today and continue it for the short time that is necessary to give you complete relief. Kodal is sold by W. B. Davis.

Leaf tobacco from the various farms about town is now being brought to the packing house in large quantities and a force of men are busily engaged in "boiling" the same in the packing house, that being the first step in the packing house process. The leaf is in fine condition and is in pretty shapes as one needs to use. In the meantime the harvesting of the crop goes merrily on at the farm and the immature bars on every farm have been filled to their utmost capacity, and some of the planters are becoming weary of barn room. The crop is a bumper one in every report.

Bob J. Harris spent a few days in town last week on a visit to his wife who is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Morrow.

By reason of press of other matter interesting neighborhood notes from Pinetta and Luther are crowded out this week.

Rev. C. Fred Blackburn left Tuesday for Percy to attend the session of District Conference now in progress at that place. He will return about Saturday.

Mrs. L. J. Hall left yesterday for Mayo, but before leaving she ordered the Enterprise Recorder sent to her address that she might keep in touch with happenings at home.

There will be a big picnic at Ellaville on Saturday, July 18th. Madison and Suwannee counties will unite in celebrating the completion of the new bridge across the Suwannee river at that place. Everybody is cordially invited to attend and bring well-filled baskets.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen—A brown pointer puppy, seven months old, white spot on breast and both hind feet. Answers to name "Frank." Wearing collar with buckle and ring. Last seen going west of town about two weeks ago. Reasonable reward will be paid for his return to Carroll Smith or editor of this paper.

At her beautiful and hospitable home Tuesday afternoon Mrs. S. Alex Smith enacted graciously the role of hostess to the members of the Baptist Sunday School and congregation. The affair consisted of a "watermelon cutting," and many of these delicious products of the vine were provided to appease the appetites of the guests. Mrs. Smith is a famous hostess and her guests on this occasion enjoyed to the fullest her hospitality and good cheer.

A well attended meeting of Madison Lodge, No. 57, Knights of Pythias, was held in the Castle Hall Monday evening, and the members listened with pleasure to inspiring talks by Rev. W. R. Ivey and others of the brethren. If these talks do not bear fruit which will tend to the enlivening of the order and an increased weekly attendance upon the part of the membership, then we shall be disappointed. The principal business of the evening was the election of the following officers for the ensuing term: J. J. Newman, C. C.; S. P. Griffin, V. C.; W. R. Ivey, P.; T. D. Leslie, M. of W.; A. H. Wade, Mat A.; C. F. Hamilton, I. G.; W. W. Wade, O. G. These officers-elect will be installed by W. M. Burton, D. G. C. at the meeting to be held on Monday night, 20th inst., and all are asked to bear the date in mind and to be present at the time set for installation. Ways and means were discussed for the building up of the lodge and for reviving interest therethat. The next meeting of the lodge will be held next Monday night, and it is hoped that a great number of the members may be present.

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Bouquets.

The new heading on editor Columbus Smith's consolidated newspaper, "The Enterprise-Recorder," is neat and attractive, and makes his already excellent newspaper's appearance extra fine. Florida editors all congratulate and wish him increased business and much success and wealth.—True Democrat.

The Madison Recorder, its plant and goodwill, have been purchased by Hon. C. B. Smith and consolidated with his newspaper under the name of The Enterprise-Recorder. Bro. Smith now has a clear field and we wish him an enlarged prosperity.—Jasper News.

"Lum" Smith, of The Madison Enterprise has started a newspaper grave yard, the Recorder having been bought by him. "Lum" is one of the brightest and ablest editors in the State, and "The Sun" wishes him unmeasured prosperity.—Gainesville Sun.

The people of Madison are to be congratulated on the fact that Columbus B. Smith, the bright and high-minded editor of the Madison Enterprise, has absorbed the competing paper, The Recorder, and he will thus be enabled to give the people of his community better newspaper service without a double tax being levied on its business men.—Lakehead News.

From the business view Columbus B. Smith of the Madison New Enterprise owes more to religion than he can repay in an average life time. Smith has long published one of the very best weekly newspapers in Florida, but there was a thorn in his business. The thorn was J. R. Borland. Borland got religion and sold his Recorder to Smith who has consolidated it with the New Enterprise under the name of the Enterprise-Recorder. That was Smith's only mistake. He should have taken the electro-plated name and broken it into the "hell" box and made an effort to forget.—Palatka News.

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Leon county shaded tobacco growers are nowadays as busy as bees harvesting an excellent crop of this very best cigar leaf Sumatra wrapper shaded tobacco.

One of the noblest men in Madison, Florida, is Dr. Benjamin Franklin Moseley. While pastor there we were with him much on account of the illness and death of his noble, consecrated wife. We were already very close friends because of his faithful help in our church work and his very frequent special tokens of love. But his affliction drew us together with everlasting chords tender and strong. It was just like him to send us a few weeks ago 50 cents for the Rock Hill Baptist. He rarely ever let our children pass his large, well-filled drug store without filling their hands and their hearts. It is no unusual thing now to hear them speak of him. Nearly every child in the city looks upon him as a special friend. He is not a man of many words—he has a way of making children and people who are in need love him.—Rock Hill (S. C.) Baptist Pastor Marsh thus feelingly refers to one of Madison's best and purest citizens, and what he says of him we quote with a smile.

General Revenue \$1180.12
School 205.30
Roads and Bridges 741.92
Fire and Forestry 108.27
County Bonds 829.59
Polls 59.00

Total collections 3692.91

Western Union Telegraph Co.

General Revenue 9.88
School 29.61
Roads and Bridges 6.17
Fire and Forestry 1.21
County Bonds 7.42
Polls 551.05

Total collections for June \$6,637.01

and same was received and ordered filed.

J. P. Martin, County Judge, presented report of occupation license issued for month of June which shows amount collected for State, \$1.50; for county, \$75; and same was ordered filed.

Bond of G. H. Tedder, Supervisor of Registration, was approved.

T. W. Dale, county treasurer, presented his books and accounts and made settlement with the county for the month of June. Same were checked up and found correct with the following balances to credit of the different funds, to-wit:

General Revenue 33,543.48
Fire and Forestry 280.80
Roads and Bridges 1588.87
Total cash in Treasury 35,912.15

which was ordered reported to the State Auditor.

E. J. Vann, managing trustee of Madison county Bonds, same before the Board and made his annual report as follows:

To the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida.—The Trustees of County Commissioners submitted their annual report of receipts and disbursements.

All of the ledger date June 1st, 1908, has been paid out of bonds No. 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, and 122, total \$2000; and offices of \$250 each, to-wit: Numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, and 122, total \$2000.

These bonds fall due June 1, 1912, and the law makes it your duty to levy a tax annually sufficient to pay the interest thereon and to create a sinking fund sufficient to pay them at maturity. The plan adopted in this county was to apply the amount raised annually by taxation in excess of the interest on the principal, to the calling in of the tax and the payment by the trustees of outstanding bonds. Under an act of the legislature for the relief of certain bonded counties the Trustees of Madison County are required to apply the proceeds of certain lands to the payment of those bonds, and until 1912 this was done and about one-half of the bonds of this county that have been retired was paid by that body, but they have since declined to comply with the act, alleging that it was unconstitutional. As a consequence the bonds have not been extinguished as rapidly as before 1911. The question now is not yet fully settled. Should it be decided in favor of the bonded counties the better option is that even though any county may have paid all its bonds due in full, the proceeds of the sale of the lands referred to will be applied pro rata to the bonded debt of that county as the statute provides. As the time when the question will be decided is uncertain and the bonds due in four years, there seems to be nothing left for you to levy an annual tax sufficient to retire the outstanding bonds without reference to any present relief from the law referred to. The balance of the bonded indebtedness of \$6800 can be retired by June 1, 1912, by paying one-fourth of the principal with interest each year without increasing the present levy as follows:

Interest on \$6800 one year \$670.00

One fourth of \$6800 added 1700.00 2370.00

Interest on \$2370 one year 236.00 2606.00

One fourth of \$2606 added 651.50 3257.50

Interest on \$3257.50 one year 325.75 3583.25

One fourth of \$3583.25 added 895.82 4479.07

Interest on \$4479.07 one year 447.91 4926.98

One fourth of \$4926.98 added 1231.75 6158.73

Interest on \$6158.73 one year 615.87 6774.60

One fourth of \$6774.60 added 1743.65 8518.25

Interest on \$8518.25 one year 851.83 9370.08

One fourth of \$9370.08 added 2342.52 11712.60

Interest on \$11712.60 one year 1171.26 12883.86

One fourth of \$12883.86 added 3221.00 16104.86

Interest on \$16104.86 one year 1610.49 17715.35

One fourth of \$17715.35 added 4428.83 22144.18

Interest on \$22144.18 one year 2214.42 24358.60

One fourth of \$24358.60 added 6089.65 30448.25

Interest on \$30448.25 one year 3044.82 33493.07

One fourth of \$33493.07 added 8373.27 41866.34

Interest on \$41866.34 one year 4186.63 46052.97

One fourth of \$46052.97 added 11513.24 57566.21

Interest on \$57566.21 one year 5756.61 63322.82

One fourth of \$63322.82 added 15830.71 79153.53

Interest on \$79153.53 one year 7915.35 87068.88

One fourth of \$87068.88 added 22267.22 109336.10

Interest on \$109336.10 one year 10933.61 120269.71

One fourth of \$120269.71 added 30067.48 150337.19

Interest on \$150337.19 one year 15033.71 165370.90

One fourth of \$165370.90 added 41343.30 206714.20

Interest on \$206714.20 one year 20671.42 227385.62

One fourth of \$227385.62 added 56846.41 284232.03

Interest on \$284232.03 one year 28423.20 312655.23

One fourth of \$312655.23 added 78163.81 390819.04

Interest on \$390819.04 one year 39081.90 429800.94

One fourth of \$429800.94 added 107450.25 537251.19